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5 For: COMPONENTIZED AUTOMATIC PROVISIONING AND MANAGEMENT OF  
6 COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS FOR COMPUTING UTILITIES

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10 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

11 Sir:

12 Please process this preliminary amendment to the claims prior to calculating the fees for this  
13 application.  
14 Please amend the above-identified application as follows: